

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 5 to 7 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 4, 8 to 13 have previously been cancelled. Claim 1 is amended by the present amendment. No new matter is added by way of this amendment.

Support for amended claim 1

Support for amended claim 1 stating that both antibodies against S100A8 *and* S100A9 are administered can be found in the application as filed, specifically on page 5, lines 22-24; page 21, lines 5-7; page 22; lines 1-2 and lines 23-26; page 30, lines 18-19; and page 35, lines 6-7. It is clearly stated in the application as filed that "...the combination of both the anti-S100A8 and anti-S100A9 inhibited neutrophil migration ...".

Restriction requirement

In complete response to the Election / Restriction Requirement, and in accordance with telephone conversation with Examiner Wen on July 6th, 2007, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of claim 1 as amended, namely "*a method for inhibiting recruitment ... said method comprising administering to said individual an antibody against a S100A8 protein and an antibody against S100A9 protein*". Applicant hereby withdraws the subject matter deleted from original claim 1, and reserves the right to file divisional applications for this subject matter.

Further to the election of "antibody against S100A8 and an antibody against S100A9", the Applicant elects the following species, which are to be readable on claims 1, 3 and 5 to 7:

- "gout" as the specific disease; and
- "intravenous administration" as the specific route of administration.

No new matter has been entered into the specification with this amendment.

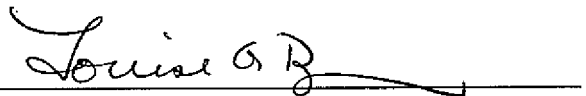
It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested and allowance of claims 1, 3 and 5 to 7 at an early date is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

No fees are believed to be associated with the filing of this amendment. However, should this assumption be an error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Respectfully,

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